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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY
TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA.

2. "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE BEEN IN FREQUENT
COMMUNICATION WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND HAVE
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SOUTHERN AFRICA. I CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT HE WILL BE
ABLE TO DEVELOP WITH YOU, YOUR COLLEAGUES THE FRONT
LINE PRESIDENTS, THE ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALISTS, THE
SALISBURY AUTHORITIES AND THE SOUTH AFRICANS AN ACCEPTABLE
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PROCEEDING TO A SETTLEMENT OF THE ZIMBABWEAN QUESTION.

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PROBLEM OF ZIMBABWE. WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE RAPID
ACHIEVEMENT OF MAJORITY RULE WITHIN THE PERIOD AGREED
TO AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. AS I WROTE YOU FROM
LONDON ON DECEMBER 11, WE SUPPORT THE FORMATION OF A

TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL HAVE MAJORITY AFRICAN REPRESENTATION. BRITAIN'S WILLINGNESS TO PLAY AN

IMPORTANT ROLE DURING TRANSITION IS THE NEW ELEMENT IN THE SETTLEMENT WHICH YOU HAVE SOUGHT.

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UNDERSTAND AMBASSADOR RICHARD IS DESCRIBING IN DETAIL BRITISH VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT. THE BRITISH HAVE OUR FULL BACKING AND WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE OUR SUPPORT.

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FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS MEET IN LUSAKA, GREAT IMPORTANCE WILL BE ATTACHED TO PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH FOLLOW YOUR DELIBERATIONS. AN INDICATION THAT THE SEARCH FOR PEACE UNDERLINES ALL OUR OBJECTIVES WOULD BE HELPFUL.

6. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU AND YOUR FELLOW PRESIDENTS WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING THE NAMIBIAN SITUATION. THE UNITED STATES REMAINS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION AND AN OUTCOME WHICH WILL GUARANTEE THE FULL INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA. MUCH TIME HAS PASSED, BUT I BELIEVE THE PROPOSALS I HAVE DISCUSSED WITH YOU IN THE PAST STILL OFFER AN ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR AN AGREEMENT. I CONTINUE TO HOLD TO THE VIEW THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT COULD BE PERSUADED TO ACCEPT A FIRM DATE FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE, A MEETING UNDER UN AUSPICES OF NAMIBIAN PARTIES, INCLUDING SWAPO AT AN ACCEPTABLE INTERNATIONAL SITE AND A SUBSTANTIAL RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. AS I HAVE TOLD YOU BEFORE, THE PRESENT WINDHOEK CONFERENCE

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